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## NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated August 21, 2007, of the Examiner rejecting claim(s) 1-14, 16, 19, 20, 42-46, and 50-51 of the above-identified application. This Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently with a Pre-Appeal Brief Request For Review.

Authorization to charge a credit card in the amount of \$255 for the Notice of Appeal fee has been provided upon electronic filing of this Notice of Appeal.

Authorization to charge the credit card to extend the term for response to the Final Office Action from November 21, 2007 to January 21, 2008 is also provided. Applicants believe that no other extension of time is required. However, Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any additional required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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